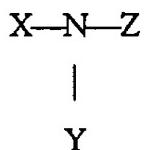


**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The invention relates to a method for ameliorating redness or inflammation of mammalian skin comprising topically applying a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound selected from an alkanolamine, tyrosine or mixtures thereof and a cosmetically acceptable carrier. The alkanolamine has the following general formula:



wherein X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group. In another embodiment, the invention relates to a method for ameliorating the irritating effects of a skin irritating composition comprising adding to said composition an effective amount of a compound.

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